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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
HIROKI HIYAMA) Examiner: James M. Hannett
Application No.: 09/291,006) Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: April 14, 1999)
For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE)
SENSING APPARATUS AND)
METHOD OF OPERATING)
THE SAME) April 15, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein, prior to the further examination of the claims pursuant to the contemporaneously-filed Request for Continued Examination.

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